

UM...

Ever said that word 'um'? I guess a lot times, right? Recently, I've noticed a lot of people using that word quite often nowadays, including me. In some moods, I think it adds humour to the situation and others, a sort of rudeness. In this carefully researched (in the fields of teleology) article, I've classified the word, 'um' into three main categories:

A. The casual, and unnoticed "UM" : Most common this "um" itself branches out into thoughtfulness(?), uncertainty, pause or shyness. Some examples from an average teen's life:

Phone conversations; "Um yeah, I guess I better hang up now."

Confrontations (?): "Hi, um... so you're the um... popular ones of the school?"

Uncertain Confrontations (??): "Um, yeah... I guess, Um that, you might... oh forget it!"

Thoughtfulness (???): "Um ... I was wondering if you'd busy tonight. Um... You know, I might give you a call or something like that."

B. The humorous "UM". This is the favourite one, and although it slips out occasionally, it's often associated with the casual "um". Examples are like, um... these:

Romantic but with a tinge of sarcasm: "Um... no don't tell me, wait, wait, let me guess... um, you're going out with the class geek. (Eyebrows raised please!)"

Offhand remarks: "So what's up? What're you doing... um, whatever it is you're doing." (Ouch! This hurts, especially if it comes from the most popular character at school or anywhere else.)

C. The rude and ironic "UM": I feel really sorry for those who've lashed at by this "Um." I mean, it really hurts. Even the examples below hurt:

"Um, do I know you?" (when old friends meet, and one's popular and the other's not)

"Um, I think I've seen you before but I can't recognize you?"

Popular guy to geek: "Um, did you ever exist?"

So you see, there can be many meanings to one word. Next time, be careful about how you say "UM." Indirectly you could hurt someone or show disrespect. If it slips out, immediately smile and make them think it's the humorous one. UM... bye for now. 'grin'

POREN TOON



HOW'Z THAT!

By Smash

A "bald" headed man entered a department store. Watching the heavily suited "bold" man the shopkeeper proceeded smelling "Takawala Mokkel". The man walked through the shop and looked to the items displayed. He was taking things on hand aimlessly and putting them back on place after observing them with a disturbed face. The shop keeper was a little bit annoyed but could say nothing rather than follow him.

Then suddenly the man had a shinning face. He took up a foreign brand cigarette container and walked to the counter to pay for it. The shopkeeper took the money and gave the cigarettes in a pack. But the man just receiving it torn it and lit a cigar. This time it was too much to bear for the shop keeper. He said gently to the man

"Sir, this is a "No Smoking" department shop. If you kindly avoid smoking

"What do you mean?" the man angrily answered.

"I was trying to tell you that, it would be a great pleasure for us if you turn that cigar off."

"What? How dare you say so?"

"Sir, this is a rule... sir kindly....."

"What rule? How could this be a rule? When you keep cigars in your shop and keeping the rule not to smoke in the shop?!" The man

burst into a rage.

"Sir... Sir"

"@#.....#.....!!??"

So, the man was angry enough to create any type of disaster and soon an argument arose in front of the counter and a small crowd gathered there in no time.

The man was shouting on the top of his voice while on the other hand the shopkeeper tried his best to convince the man kindly. As the shopkeeper could not do any better a young assistant of his came forward to help. He told gently to the man

"Sir, your point is we can not keep the rule "No Smoking" in our shop as we sell cigars? Is it so sir?"

"Yes!"

"That means what can be used here in the shop are the things we should sell? Is it sir?"

"Yes!"

"Sir may I gently say you something? We also sell foreign brands of toilet papers..... according to your suggestion it must be used here..... ?! What do you say sir?!"

Now "How'z that?"

BILL GATES IN THE LONG RUN

From Adnan Firoze

Bill Gates is dead. Now as he might have done SOME good things to for the world in his life full of doing bad things, he got the chance of choosing between Heaven and Hell. When St. Michael asked him where he would like to go he said, "Let me first see, how are they like." "So, be it" said St. Michael. First he opened the gate of Hell. Gates saw that there were many people dancing, having a merry time and enjoying a party. Then he was taken to show the Heaven. Here he saw a peaceful environment, where he saw everyone is doing their duties in White dress.

After these he said to himself, "Why are the people of the world are so wrong about hell and heaven!" So, naturally he preferred to go to Hell.

After a week in stating in Hell he returned to St. Michael with a devastated and dark face. He cried out to him, "Hey! Why didn't you say that Hell was so Bad. You showed me such a nice place and sent me there. But believe me It is very difficult there. I hate it in Hell."

What St. Michael said was, "I showed you the Demo Version."

Suicide Attempt

After hearing that one of the patients in a mental hospital had saved another from a suicide attempt by pulling him out of a bathtub, the director reviewed the rescuer's file and called him into his office.

"Mr. James, your records and your heroic behavior indicate that you're ready to go home. I'm only sorry that the man you saved later killed himself with a rope around the neck."

"Oh, he didn't kill himself," Mr. James replied. "I hung him up to dry."

AMAP

The interviewer examined the job application then turned to the prospective employee. "I see you have put ASAP down for the date you are available to start, meaning as soon as possible, of course. However, I see you've put AMAP down for required salary. I don't believe I've ever seen that before, what does it mean?"

The applicant replied, "As Much as Possible!"

Jokes

From Md. Fakrul Alam (Pappu)

1) A business executive injured his leg skiing one weekend. By the time he got home Saturday, the leg was very swollen and he was having difficulty walking, so he called his physician at his home. The doctor told him to soak it in hot water.

He tried soaking it in hot water but the leg became more swollen and painful. His maid saw him limping and said, "I don't know, I'm only a maid, but I always thought it was better to use cold water, not hot, for swelling."

He tried switching to cold water and the swelling rapidly subsided. On Sunday afternoon he called his Dr. again to complain. "Say, what kind of a doctor are you anyway? You told me to soak my leg in hot water and it got worse. My maid told me to use cold water and it got better."

"Really?" answered the doctor, "I don't understand it; my maid said to use hot water."

2) A priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street.

However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest moves closer to the boy's position.

He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Now we run!"

CHRIS & COLIN

ANAMI KABIR

CHRIS: "Hello, Colin. I like your tie. I bet I know where you got it."

COLIN: "All right, then, smartie. Where?"

CHRIS: "Round your neck!"

COLIN: "Never mind my tie. I was in the supermarket in the morning with Mum and there was a man with no trousers on."

CHRIS: "Was he arrested?"

COLIN: "No--he was wearing a kilt."

CHRIS: "Very funny--ha, ha! My Mum took me to the pantomime last night."

COLIN: "Cor, did she? Did you like it?"

CHRIS: "No, I cried."

COLIN: "Why, was it sad?"

CHRIS: "Dunno--we couldn't get in!"

COLIN: "My Mum took me to the cemetery this afternoon."

CHRIS: "Oh--anyone dead?"

'The Amazing Game of CRICKET'

By Saeed Faiz Apurba

* EASY CATCH

Middlesex keeper Fred Price was in a great form against Surrey in a county match. He caught seven batsman out in the first innings. After the innings while he was resting, a lady came to congratulate him. She said that she became so excited that she might fall from the gallery out of that.

Price replied it was of no fear and he could easily catch her as he was in a great form that day.

* CAUGHT INWRONG

David Shepherd was once fielding very badly. He dropped few catches in the bowling of Trueman. So he was sent to the deep fine leg. Bill Lawrey then hooked a ball which David caught easily and happily showing the ball to the crowds. But suddenly one of the fielder beside him shouted "Will you not return the ball? They have already scored five runs. It was a no ball."

